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Honorable James H. Welsh,
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A
Holly Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY**, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish the unit allowable for each unit created for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, created by the 88-E Series of Office of Conservation Orders, at a rate equal to the combined rates of the unit well, the alternate unit wells or wells (whether one or more) located on each unit.
2. To continue in full force and effect the units created for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, created by the 88-E Series of Office of Conservation Orders and pertinent provisions thereof, except to extent contrary herewith.
3. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.

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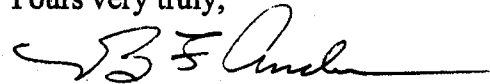
The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of B. F. Anderson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3110. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call B. F. Anderson at 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent, that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation, can be obtained **at the expense of the requesting party.**

The subject matter of this application does not require a pre-hearing conference.

The applicant requested and received a waiver of Rule 7b, Revised Rules of Procedure for Conducting Public Hearings before the Commissioner of Conservation, concerning requirements to furnish a list of the names and address of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. The parties on the attached list will be notified of the application. Upon receipt of the legal notice, the list of parties on the attached list will be furnished a copy and the legal notice will be posted in the Clerk of Courts Office in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, and will be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the Holly Field. Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all parties shown on the attached list. A copy of this letter is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation.

Our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, is attached to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours very truly,



B. F. Anderson, PE for
WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation
Mr. Steve Greber, Winchester Production Company